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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL BALLANCE/SPEIGEL/SAYLOR: WRAP UP

1. DURING FOUR DAY VISIT AUGUST 4-7, STAFFDEL MEMBERS HAD OPPORTUNITY VISIT USAID SPONSORED AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS IN SEVERAL PARTS OF TANZANIA, AS WELL AS TO MEET WITH US AND TANZANIAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED WITH THEM.

2. ON ARRIVAL AUGUST 4, STAFFDEL FLEW TO ARUSHA AND ON THE NEXT DAY VISITED AND DISCUSSED WITH OFFICIALS THE MASAI PROJECT, AND SEED FARM, AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE LIVESTOCK MARKETING PROGRAM. RETURNING TO DAR ES SALAAM ON AUGUST 6, THEY VISITED THE NATIONAL MILLING CORPORATION TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT FOOD GRAIN SITUATION, AND THE PL 480 PROGRAM. IN THE AFTERNOON THEY TOURED THE PORT, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE HANDLING OF FOOD GRAIN IMPORTS, AND CALLED AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, TWO MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION MADE A DAY LONG CAR TRIP TO THE MSIMBA SEED FARM AND THE ILONGWA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION, BOTH AT KILOSA, TO VISIT AND DISCUSS THE SEED MULTIPLICATION PROJECT AND THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PROJECT.

3. IN TALKS WITH EMBASSY AND USAID OFFICIALS AND OTHERS,
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THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFFDEL -- THOUGH VARYING IN THEIR

APPROACH -- EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN THAT MORE, AND MORE EFFECTIVE, AID TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TANZANIAN AGRICULTURE WAS NEEDED. THEY WERE BRIEFED IN RETURN ON PROBLEMS POSED BY TANZANIA'S LIMITED RESOURCES IN TRAINED PERSONNEL, WHICH RESTRICT ITS CAPACITY TO ABSORB AID EFFECTIVELY, AND ON TANZANIA'S EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT A SOCIALIST POLICY IN THE RURAL AREA, WITH CONSEQUENT PROBLEMS OF HUMAN DISLOCATION AND ECONOMIC DISINCENTIVES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE STAFFDEL WAS ABLE TO DISCUSS AND OBSERVE THE PROGRESS WHICH IS BEING MADE, WITH AMERICAN ASSISTANCE, IN THE AGRICULTURAL AREA.

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